

Our Town

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Pick up your free tree seedling at the Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, March 22.

Wake Forest Outdoors

Three upcoming events are geared for getting outside and digging in the dirt



Put away the snow shovels and bring out the trowels and spades. The growing season has begun. Wake Forest kicks off spring with three events that focus on the earth and soil.

Arbor Day Celebration ~ March 22

The Town of Wake Forest will hold its popular tree seedling giveaway during the annual Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road. Up to 2,600 tree seedlings, including eastern red cedar, wild plum and swamp chestnut oaks, will be

distributed to residents free of charge during the event.

Pick up your tree seedling and then explore the Arbor Day Expo where you can find information about trees, gardening and the environment provided by local organizations.

Stay for the ceremony when the Urban Forestry Board announces the winners of the Green Medal Awards of Excellence. The town anticipates receiving the Tree City USA designation for the 35th year.

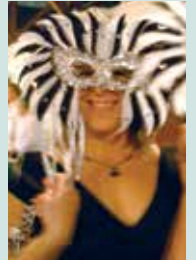
For information about the Arbor Day Celebration, contact Urban Forester Evan Keto at eketo@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9565.

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News highlights

Renaissance Ball tickets available »

There's still time to get tickets for the Wake Forest Renaissance Ball on Saturday, March 1. Go to wakeforestnc.gov/tickets-events.aspx. See next page for more details about Mardi Gras.



Summer program registration begins

March 3 » The Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department's summer program guide is now available. Registration for summer camps and programs begins March 3. To view *RecConnect*, visit wakeforestnc.gov/reconnect.aspx or pick up a copy at Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St.



Holiday Schedule » Town hall and all administrative offices will be closed Friday, April 18 for Good Friday. Garbage and recycling will be collected as usual. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/holiday-schedule.aspx for a complete listing of town holidays and the collection schedule for garbage and recycling.

Girls Volleyball

Registration »

The Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department will accept registrations for the girls volleyball league April 1-30. The league is offered for ages 9-16. Call 919-435-9560 or visit wakeforestnc.gov/reconnect.aspx to view all athletic offerings.



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Proud to be a Tree City
Community for 34 years

Carolina Puppet Theater coming to the Renaissance Centre

You may know them as Ms. Poly and Ms. Ester, and of course, the super-duper star, Bartlet. The Carolina Puppet Theater, longtime entertainers at the former Kazoom Children's Theatre in Raleigh, will perform at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre March 5, April 2, May 22, June 4 and June 18 at 11 a.m.

The Carolina Puppet Theatre has been entertaining families for over 20 years with fast paced, interactive shows full of mayhem. Ms. Poly and Ms. Ester, the wacky Gabardine Sisters, use storytelling, music and puppetry to make these shows a delightful experience for young children.

For the storytelling segment of each show, children are selected from the audience to be the stars. The theme changes each month with exciting guest puppets.

Shows are geared to children ages 3-7. The Renaissance Centre is located at 405 S. Brooks St. For more information, call 919-435-9560.



First Friday Flix

Beginning Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m., the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre will host "First Friday Flix" on the first Friday evening of each month.

Free and open to the public, these monthly movie screenings will feature a variety of film favorites and genres, including comedies, dramas and thrillers, often with a seasonal or historical theme.

Visit wakeforestnc.gov/first-friday-flix.aspx for more information or call the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre event line to hear the name of the movie that will be screened: 919-435-9428.

Call the new Wake Forest Renaissance Centre Event Line to hear a listing of all upcoming events: 919-435-9428.



STREET GENIE: Freddy Greene will return again this year to perform classic jazz tunes along South White Street during the Mardi Gras Street Festival.

Wake Forest Mardi Gras

Second annual event is this Saturday, March 1

Plans are underway for a fun-filled day in downtown Wake Forest for both children and adults during the Wake Forest Mardi Gras Street Festival & Renaissance Ball on Saturday, March 1. Organizers invite area residents to visit the heart of Wake Forest and experience all that downtown and the new Wake Forest Renaissance Centre have to offer.

Street Festival

The Mardi Gras Street Festival will take place along South White Street and Owen Avenue from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. The festival will feature face painters, strolling entertainers, free horse and carriage rides, live music, an inflatable playground and a walking parade for children and adults. The parade lineup will begin at 12:45 p.m. in town hall's Centennial Plaza, 301 S. Brooks St., and the parade gets underway at 1 p.m.

A King & Queen Costume Contest will be held for teenagers, as well as a Parade Prince & Princess Contest for younger participants. To see a full listing of activities, visit wakeforestnc.gov/wake-forest-mardi-gras.aspx.

Renaissance Ball

The day-long festivities will conclude with a sensational evening of music and dancing during the Mardi Gras Renaissance Ball at the

Wake Forest Renaissance Centre.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Attire is black-tie optional, but Mardi Gras masks are encouraged. A Renaissance Ball King & Queen will be crowned during the evening.

The swinging jazz band Boneslinger will headline the event bringing the sounds of old-school R&B, and New Orleans-style jazz.

Tickets to the Renaissance Ball are still available for \$60 per person. The price includes a buffet dinner provided by Blue Fins Bistro, one drink ticket and two King & Queen nomination tickets. Tickets can be purchased at wakeforestnc.gov/tickets-events.aspx or at Wake Forest Town Hall.

Event proceeds from the Renaissance Ball will be used to support cultural arts programming at the Renaissance Centre.

For detailed information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/wake-forest-mardi-gras.aspx or access the Mardi Gras function on the Town of Wake Forest app using your smartphone.



BONESLINGER: New Orleans-style jazz musicians will perform at the Renaissance Ball.

At your service



Bag your leaves

Beginning Monday, March 17, through Friday, Sept. 26, all leaves and grass clippings must be bagged for collection. Bags can be clear or opaque but they must be at least 13 gallon—the size of a standard kitchen garbage can liner or larger. Please do not put yard waste in grocery store shopping bags or inside your roll-out carts.

For more information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/yard-waste.aspx or call the Public Works Department at 919-435-9570.

Tailor the phone number we use in the CodeRed phone alert system

When the town has an urgent message for residents, officials use the CodeRed phone notification system to call you with a voice message. The phone system is a quick and effective way for the town to alert residents during time-sensitive situations.

If you wish to add or remove phone numbers from the system, please visit wakeforestnc.gov/codered.aspx or call 919-435-9400. We encourage residents to go online and add cell phone numbers to the system so that should an emergency arise, we can contact you immediately. We know that your personal information is important so rest assured that the Town of Wake Forest does not share this information with anyone.

Wake Forest Outdoors Continued from front page

Dirt Days ~ April 5

Dirt Days celebrates an outdoor lifestyle and includes a children's area with free activities. The event will be held on South White Street in downtown Wake Forest, Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A variety of demonstrations and activities will be offered on gardening, landscaping, camping and exercise. Entertainment and interactive music activities will also be offered.

For more information, contact Downtown Development Director Lisa Newhouse at lnewhouse@wakeforestnc.gov or call 919-435-9415.

HerbFest ~ April 18-20 & April 25-27

HerbFest is a spring festival highlighting low maintenance, organically grown natural perennials, herb plants and organic vegetables grown from organic seeds. Herb crafts, cosmetic soaps, cooking recipes, live entertainment and educational seminars are also offered. Hours are Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. HerbFest is held at 525 S. White St. in downtown Wake Forest.

For more information, contact Bob Johnson at bobjohnson@medfaxxinc.com or 800-937-3993.

Registration begins for Day Park Summer Camp

Enhance your youth's summer experiences by enrolling them in a full day summer camp program offered by the Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department. The weekly program for ages 6-12 is offered at the Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Ave. Activities include arts and crafts, education, nature, recreation and sports.

The day camp will operate for a nine-week period from June 16-Aug. 15. Spaces are limited. Participants must be age 6 on



or before June 1. Registration for Day Park Summer Camp will be accepted from March 3 until April 11 at town hall. A birth certificate is required at time of registration. The fee is \$100 per week or \$900 for the full nine-week session.

Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 919-435-9560 for information or refer to

the summer edition of *RecConnect* for a full listing of summer programs at wakeforestnc.gov/recconnect.aspx.

SAVE THE DATES

May 3: 34th Annual Meet in the Street—Live music, artisans' booths, beer garden and children's activities. Downtown Wake Forest. Presented by the Chamber of Commerce.

May 10: Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour—Gain insight into the lives of residents from generations past who are buried at the Wake Forest Cemetery.

June 14: Classic & Antique Charity Car Show—Open show includes custom, muscle, sports, pony, classic and antique automobiles plus street rods and trucks. Downtown Wake Forest.

Photo Gallery View pictures from popular community events at wakeforestnc.gov/photo-gallery-1.aspx

Wake Forest Community Calendar

For a comprehensive listing of upcoming events in Wake Forest, visit the Community Calendar on the town's website. The listing includes local events submitted by non-profit groups and organizations in our area. The Town of Wake Forest provides the Community Calendar as a free service and invites local non-profits, including churches, civic clubs and other community

organizations, to submit their events for inclusion on the calendar. The Community Calendar is typically updated each week on Thursday or Friday. Event announcements received at least one week prior to the event will be included in *The Week Ahead*.

To view the calendar and for submission guidelines, visit wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx.





MUSIC IN THE PARK: Enjoy eclectic music during the free concert series at E. Carroll Joyner Park.

SIX SUNDAYS *in* SPRING

Annual concert series begins Sunday, April 27

Bring a lawn chair, your dog and your friends to E. Carroll Joyner Park at 701 Harris Rd. for a series of six free consecutive concerts beginning Sunday, April 27. A diverse lineup of performers promises to delight audiences with a variety of musical talent.

Concerts begin at 5 p.m. and last until 7 p.m. Food and refreshments are available for purchase at the park or you can bring your own picnic.

The Six Sundays in Spring concert series is co-sponsored by the Wake Forest Parks & Recreation

Department, Wake Forest ARTS and United Arts of Raleigh and Wake County. The June 1st show is presented by PineCone: The Piedmont Council of Traditional Music.

In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be relocated to Wake Forest Renaissance Centre, 405 S. Brooks St. For weather related updates, call the Wake Forest Weather Line at 919-435-9569.

For more information, send an email message to info@WakeForestARTS.org or call the Parks & Recreation Department at 919-435-9560.



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April 27: The Hot at Nights

Jazz featuring an eight-string guitar centered trio

May 4: Walking for Pennies

Vocal harmony with elements of folk, soul and bluegrass

May 11: EG Peters Band

Beach music

May 18: Children of the Horn

Funky horns along with jazz, rock, New Orleans, Caribbean, Afro/Cuban and R&B

May 25: Thelonius

Vocal, a cappella eclectic mix of modern musical styles

June 1: Ironing Board Sam

Original and classic blues and R&B

Pictured from top: The Hot at Nights, Walking for Pennies, EG Peters Band



Wake Forest Postcards from the Past

2014 calendars still available

The Wake Forest Historic Preservation Commission's 2014 fundraising calendar, "Wake Forest Postcards from the Past," is available for purchase for \$15 each at Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St. The calendars are also sold online at wakeforestnc.gov/marketplace.aspx and at the following Wake Forest locations: The Cotton Company, Over the Falls, NC Specialty Shop, Storyteller's Bookstore, Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce, Wake Forest Coffee Company and Wake Forest Historical Museum.

Available for viewing at wakeforestnc.gov/postcards-from-the-past-2014-calendar.aspx, the calendar includes an array of historic postcards from former town commissioner Frank Drake's personal collection. Proceeds from the sale of "Wake Forest Postcards from the Past" will be used to renovate and maintain the Ailey Young House—an HPC project.

Charting our progress on pedestrian projects

In 2009, the Greenways Advisory Board recommended to the board of commissioners that the following ten priorities be funded to bring the community together with an interconnected system of sidewalks.

Here's an update on our progress:

■ **Wait Avenue** (*North Allen Road to Dr. Calvin Jones Highway*) and **Oak Avenue** (*Harris Road to North Main Street*): Town staff applied for a LAPP grant and received \$196,000 for design. The design process is currently underway and should be completed by early next year. Staff applied for additional funding and anticipates receiving \$1,625,000 to help with right-of-way acquisition and construction which is expected to begin in 2015.

■ **Stadium Drive** (*North Wingate Street to Capital Blvd.*): This began as a pedestrian project, and turned into a complete streets project that will improve pedestrian, vehicular and bicycle transportation. North Avenue will be resurfaced as part of this project. Town staff applied for a LAPP grant and received \$292,938 for design which is currently underway. The town will apply for right-of-way and construction funding in the future to support completing the project.

■ **Rogers Road** (*Forestville Road to South Main Street*): NCDOT will replace the bridge on Rogers Road during the summer of 2015 widening it from two to five lanes. In addition to the bridge replacement, the town will add a pedestrian underpass along Smith Creek. Rogers Road will be widened from Franklin Street to the intersection of Heritage Lake Road and will include sidewalks on both sides of the street.

■ **Heritage Lake Road** (*west side from Rogers Road to Soccer Center*): Construction will begin in the spring of this year of a sidewalk

from the soccer center to the apartment complex on the corner of Heritage Lake Road and Rogers Road. The project is expected to be finished by December 2015.

■ **Forestville Road** (*Rogers Road to Song Sparrow Drive*): A multi-use path will be constructed from Foundation Drive to the bridge just south of the high school. NCDOT will replace the bridge in 2016 and the town will add a pedestrian underpass along Sanford Creek and pedestrian access across the bridge at the time the bridge is replaced.

■ **Durham Road** (*Retail Drive to North Wingate Street*): Town staff recently applied for a LAPP grant to fund the project. The application was declined but the town will reapply and pursue other funding options.

■ **South Wingate Street**: Sidewalks were constructed last year from 441 Durham Road to South Wingate Street extending to Sycamore Avenue with funding received from the \$300,000 Safe Routes to School grant.

■ **Ligon Mill Road** (*Song Sparrow Drive to South Main Street*): Staff is coordinating with NCDOT which tentatively intends to replace the bridge along that road segment during 2016. The town will continue to work with NCDOT to ensure that pedestrian facilities are provided on the new bridge.

■ **Rogers Road** (*Marshall Farm Road to Forestville Road*): Pedestrian improvements remain a priority and are long-term projects.

■ **South Main Street** (*Dr. Calvin Jones Highway to Rogers Road*): In 2010, the town installed bike lanes and sidewalks from Forbes Road to Friendship Chapel Road. Completing adjoining sidewalks is in the town's future plans.

Visit wakeforestnc.gov/transportation-projects.aspx for updates on all projects.



WAKE FOREST 411 VIDEO SERIES

How to save money by replacing your air filter

Residential Energy Auditor Skip Parker reminds residents that by changing or inspecting your return air filter every 30 days, you can save approximately \$100 annually. A dirty air filter creates a restriction in air flow that results in higher energy usage.



Skip Parker

To help you learn more ways to reduce energy costs in your home, the Town of Wake Forest offers free energy audits for Wake Forest Power customers. Contact Skip Parker at 919-435-9472

or rparker@wakeforestnc.gov to schedule an in-home visit.

Fast tips on video

To watch *Replacing Your Air Filter* and other short informational videos, check out the full Wake Forest 411 series at wakeforestnc.gov/wake-forest-411.aspx. Video topics include *Using Space Heaters Wisely*, *How to Prune a Tree*, *Understanding the Town's Employment Application Process* and more. The video shorts are typically one minute long and introduce residents to town staff responsible for managing many town services. New videos are added regularly.

State of the Town Address WATCH THE VIDEO AT WAKEFORESTNC.GOV OR ON WFTV 10

Easter Egg Hunt ~ April 5

The Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department will host its annual egg hunt for children ages 12 and younger on Saturday, April 5, at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd. Over 5,000 eggs will be hidden including several golden eggs which will bring a special prize.

Start times are divided by age group: 10 a.m. for ages 3 and younger, 11 a.m. for ages 4-6, 1 p.m. for ages 7-9, and 2 p.m. for ages 10-12. In the event of rain, all hunts will be relocated to Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White St. Call the Wake Forest Weather Line at 919-435-9569 for updates. The event is free. For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 919-435-9560.





Carnival for the Kids: April 8-13 Home Depot parking lot

Presented by the Wake Forest Police Department, Carnival for the Kids raises money for police projects that benefit children in our area. Hours are Tues.-Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. 1-10 p.m., Sun. 1-8 p.m. Family Specials: Tuesday – \$20 unlimited ride wristband valid all evening; Saturday and Sunday – \$20 unlimited ride wristbands valid from 1-5 p.m. For more information, contact Off. Scott Graham at sgraham@wakeforestnc.gov.

Glad You Asked

TOWN OF WAKE FOREST Q&A

Q: Is the Renaissance Centre available for rentals?

A: Yes. Beginning Monday, March 3, the Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department will accept rental request applications for the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre. The mission of the center is to inspire, engage and educate the community by providing performing arts events and a variety of cultural arts programs for people of all ages, while also serving as a popular venue for community, corporate and private events. For information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/renaissance-centre.aspx or call 919-435-9560.

Renaissance Centre wishing for a piano

The Wake Forest Renaissance Centre has several items on its wish list but topping the list is a seven-foot-long Model B grand piano. The venue is appealing to the community in hopes a generous donor will step forward to either donate a grand piano or make a significant contribution towards its purchase. As the foundational tool for performances and musical study, the grand piano will be used in concerts, recitals, teaching and practice.

According to Wake Forest Renaissance Centre Manager Pamela Stevens, a new grand piano costs upwards

of \$25,000. Considering the cost, Stevens says the center is willing to accept a used grand piano that's in good or excellent shape or even house one for an owner who doesn't wish to sell it but no longer has room for it.

"Our goal is to become a cultural and performing arts destination," said Stevens. "In order for that

to happen, we need a grand piano. We're hoping someone in the community can help."

Anyone interested in helping is urged to contact Stevens at 919-435-9566 or pstevens@wakeforestnc.gov.



April is National Volunteer Month

The Town of Wake Forest deeply appreciates the Guest Services Volunteers who generously contribute their time and talents at town hall throughout the year. We also appreciate the many efforts of community volunteers who plant trees, organize events, clean up greenways, and help with a multitude of other tasks that collectively make our town a truly special place. *Pictured above: Some of the many volunteers that helped clean up the Wake Forest Reservoir soft trail last fall.*

YOUR GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Third Tuesday | 7 pm
Town Hall Board Room

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

First Tuesday | 5:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

First Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

Have agendas delivered directly to your inbox. Sign up at: www.wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx.

- Watch meetings live on WFTV 10.
- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: www.wakeforestnc.gov/government-boardofcommissioners.aspx.
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on WFTV 10 at 9 am, 3 pm and 9 pm. daily for up to two weeks after the meeting.

STAYING INFORMED

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March/April 2014 Programming Schedule

Watch it live online

Anyone with internet access can watch WFTV 10 at wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx. Residents that subscribe to Time-Warner Cable TV service receive the channel. The channel can be viewed on Digital Channel 97.5.

Focus on Wake Forest
daily, top of the hour

Home Grown Power
daily, 8:20 am, 12:20 pm, 7:20 pm

Wake Forest: The Most Rewarding Things
7 am, 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm

State of the Town Address
8 am, 12 pm, 6 pm

The Renaissance of Downtown Wake Forest
7:40 am, 8:40 am, 12:40 pm, 2:40 pm, 6:40 pm, 8:40 pm

Wake Forest History Museum's Women's Oral History
11:30 am, 5:30 pm, 11:30 pm

This Place Matters
daily, 7:30 am, 12:30 pm, 8:30 pm

Board of Commissioners Meeting

live, 3rd Tuesdays, 7 pm;
rebroadcast daily 9 am, 3 pm, 9 pm

Board of Commissioners Work Session

live, 1st Tuesday, 5:30 pm

Planning Board Meeting

live, 1st Tuesday, 7:30 pm;
rebroadcast for 2 weeks daily 9 am, 3 pm, 9 pm